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TITLE OF INVENTION  
ALPHAVIRUS VECTORS

5                   FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to the field of DNA vaccines and is particularly concerned with modified alpha virus vectors for use in such vaccines.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10           Semliki Forest virus (SFV) is a member of the Alphavirus genus in the Togaviridae family. The mature virus particle contains a single copy of a ssRNA genome with a positive polarity that is 5'-capped and 3'-polyadenylated. It functions as an mRNA and naked RNA  
15 can start an infection when introduced into cells. Upon infection/transfection, the 5' two-thirds of the genome is translated into a polyprotein that is processed into the four nonstructural proteins (nsP1 to 4) by self cleavage. Once the ns proteins have been synthesized  
20 they are responsible for replicating the plus-strand (42S) genome into full-length minus strands (ref. 14). These minus-strands then serve as templates for the synthesis of new plus-strand (42S) genomes and the 26S subgenomic mRNA (ref. 1 - Throughout this application,  
25 various references are cited in parentheses to describe more fully the state of the art to which this invention pertains. Full bibliographic information for each citation is found at the end of the specification. The disclosures of these references are hereby incorporated  
30 by reference into the present disclosure). This subgenomic mRNA, which is colinear with the last one-third of the genome, encodes the SFV structural

proteins. In 1991 Liljestrom and Garoff (ref. 2) designed a series of expression vectors based on the SFV CDNA replicon. These vectors had the virus structural protein genes deleted to make the way for heterologous inserts, but preserved the nonstructural coding region for production of the nsP1 to 4 replicase complex. Short 5' and 3' sequence elements required for RNA replication were also preserved. A polylinker site was inserted downstream from the 26S promoter followed by translation stop sites in all three frames. An SpeI site was inserted just after the 3' end of the SFV CDNA for linearization of the plasmid for use *in vitro* transcription reactions.

Injection of SFV RNA encoding a heterologous protein have been shown to result in the expression of the foreign protein and the induction of antibody in a number of studies (refs. 3,4). The use of SFV RNA inoculation to express foreign proteins for the purpose of immunization would have several of the advantages associated with plasmid DNA immunization. For example, SFV RNA encoding a viral antigen may be introduced in the presence of antibody to that virus without a loss in potency due to neutralization by antibodies to the virus. Also, because the protein is expressed *in vivo* the protein should have the same conformation as the protein expressed by the virus itself. Therefore, concerns about conformational changes which could occur during protein purification leading to a loss in immunogenicity, protective epitopes and possibly immunopotentiality, could be avoided by plasmid DNA immunization.

In WO95/27044, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, there is described the use of alphavirus cDNA vectors based on cDNA complementary to the alphavirus RNA sequence. Once  
5 transcribed from the cDNA under transcriptional control of a heterologous promoter, the alphavirus RNA is able to self-replicate by means of its own replicase and thereby amplify the copy number of the transcribed recombinant RNA molecules.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is concerned with modifications to the alphavirus cDNA vectors described in the aforementioned WO 95/27044 to permit enhanced replication of the alphavirus. In the present  
15 invention, a heterologous splice site is introduced into the alphavirus replicon sequence, particularly that of Semliki Forest virus (SFV).

Accordingly, in one aspect, the present invention provides an expression vector comprising a DNA molecule  
20 complementary to at least part of an alphavirus RNA genome, which DNA molecule comprises the complement of the complete alphavirus RNA genome regions which are essential for replication of the said alphavirus RNA, and further comprises a heterologous DNA sequence  
25 capable of expression in a suitable host, such as a human or animal host, said heterologous DNA sequence being inserted into a region of the DNA molecule which is non-essential to replication thereof, and the DNA molecule being placed under transcriptional control of  
30 a promoter sequence functional in said animal or human host, wherein at least one heterologous splice site is

provided in the DNA molecule to prevent aberrant RNA splicing of the alphavirus.

The alphavirus molecule is a large molecule and, accordingly, there is a high probability of cryptic splice sites, thereby impairing the replication of the alphavirus and hence its ability to express the heterologous DNA is impaired. By introducing the at least one optimal heterologous splice site in accordance with the present invention into the alphavirus replicon sequence, any splicing is likely to be directed at the heterologous splice site rather than any cryptic splice sites, restores the function of the SFV replicon when removed, and may improve transport of RNA from the nucleus (ref. 6).

In the constructs provided herein, the promoter is placed upstream of the 5'-end of the alphavirus sequence, such that the resultant transcript has an authentic 5'-end, which is required for the efficient replication of the alphavirus RNA replicon.

In addition, there may be provided at the 3'-end of the Semliki Forest virus segment, a hepatitis delta virus ribozyme sequence to ensure proper *in vivo* cleavage at the 3'-end of the sequence. Any other convenient sequence may be employed to achieve this effect.

The heterologous splice site sequence may be provided by the nucleotide sequence of the rabbit  $\beta$ -globin intron II, as described in reference 5. Such heterologous splice site sequence may be inserted into the complement sequence at any convenient location which generates perfect splice junctions. This

precludes replication of the alphavirus, unless it is authentically removed by splicing..

I have identified five suitable sites in the SFV replicon, which are contained within an EcoRV-SpeI fragment of the replicon which is 8010 bp in length (Fig. 3). The first such site is a Ppu-MI site, at position 2719 within the EcoRV-SpeI fragment.

In constructing the modified vectors provided herein, the EcoRV-SpeI fragment is cut with Ppu-MI at position 2719 and made blunt-ended with Mung Bean nuclease, which removes three bases from the SFV sequence. A blunt-ended  $\beta$ -globin II intron, which is 536 bp long, is ligated into the site and replaces the missing three bases with sequence added to the 3'-end of the  $\beta$ -globin intron sequence (Fig. 1).

The other four suitable sites for insertion of the Intron are the PvuII sites at bp 2518, 3113, 6498 and 6872 of the EcoRV-SpeI fragment. Insertion of the Intron is achieved by cutting with PvuII (a blunt end cutter) and the blunt-ended  $\beta$ -globin II intron sequence (Fig. 2) is ligated into one or more of these sites.

In a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a cloning vector suitable for expression in a host cell of an heterologous DNA sequence, which comprises a DNA molecule complementing to at least part of an alphavirus RNA genome, which DNA molecule comprises the complement of the complete alphavirus RNA genome regions and has a cloning site for insertion therein of a heterologous DNA sequence capable of expression in a host cell, said cloning site being located in a region of the DNA molecule which is



non-essential to replication thereof; a promoter sequence functional in said host cell and transcriptionally controlling said DNA molecule, said promoter sequence being placed upstream of the 5'-end of the DNA molecule such that the resultant transcript had an authentic 5' end; at least one heterologous splice set provided in the complement of the DNA molecule to generate perfect splice junctions in the alphavirus in order to prevent aberrant splicing and an additional DNA sequence at the 3'-end of the DNA molecule to direct proper *in vivo* cleavage at the 3'-end of the reactant mRNA transcript.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows the DNA sequence of the  $\beta$ -globin intron II including three additional nucleotides at the 3'-end thereof (SEQ ID No:1);

Figure 2 shows the DNA sequence of the  $\beta$ -globin intron II (SEQ ID No:2);

Figures 3A to 3C show the DNA sequence of the EcoRV-SpeI fragment of Semliki Forest virus replicon (SEQ ID No:3);

Figures 4A to 4D show the DNA sequence of the pSFV link (SEQ ID no: 4) prepared as illustrated in Figure 5;

Figure 5 shows construction of pSFVlink (11060 bp) from pSFV1 using a linker sequence (SEQ ID nos: 5,6);

Figures 6A to 6D show the nucleotide sequence of plasmid pMP76 (SEQ ID no: 11, prepared as illustrated in Figures 8A to 8D);

Figure 7 illustrates subsections of plasmid pSFV link (see Figure 5);

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Figure 8A to 8D show the construction of plasmid pMP76 from plasmids pMP53, pMP70, pMP47, pMP55 and pMP71;

Figures 9A to 9B show the construction of plasmids  
5 pMP53, pMP54 and pMP55 from plasmid pMP52;

Figure 10 shows the construction of plasmid MP52 from pUC19 using a linker sequence (SEQ ID no: 7,8);

Figures 11A to 11B show the construction of plasmids pMP46, pMP47 and pMP70 from pUC19 and fragment  
10 from pSFV link, prepared as seen in Figure 7; and

Figures 12A to 12B show the construction of plasmid pMP71 from plasmid pCMV3.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION

15 As discussed above, the present invention provides a modified alphavirus DNA. The alphavirus preferably is Semliki Forest virus. In particular, the present invention provides a cloning vector for heterologous gene expression in a host, such as an animal or human.

20 The promoter sequence may comprise a promoter of eukaryotic or prokaryotic origin. Suitable promoters are the cytomegalovirus immediate early promoter (pCMV), although other promoters, such as the Rous sarcoma virus long-terminal repeat promoter (pRSV),  
25 since, in the case of these and similar promoters, transcription is performed by the DNA-dependent RNA polymerase of the host cell. Additionally, the SP6, T3 or T7 promoters can be used, provided that the cell has first been transformed with genes encoding SP6, T3 or  
30 T7 RNA polymerase molecules which are either inserted into the chromosome or remain episomal. Expression of

these (SP6, T3, T7) RNA polymerase-encoding genes is dependent on the host cell DNA-dependent RNA polymerase.

The heterologous DNA insert may comprise the coding sequence for a desired product, which may be a biologically active protein or polypeptide, for example, the heterologous DNA insert may code for HIV sequences, e.g., an immunogenic or antigenic protein or polypeptide, or a therapeutically active protein or polypeptide. The heterologous DNA may also comprise additional sequences, such as a sequence complementary to an RNA sequence which is a self-cleaving ribozyme sequence.

The DNA vectors provided herein may be administered to a host, including a human host, for in vivo expression of the heterologous DNA sequence, in accordance with a further aspect of the invention, in order to generate an immune response in the host, which may be a protective immune response. The DNA vectors may be further formulated into immunogenic compositions for such administration.

#### BIOLOGICAL DEPOSITS

Certain vectors that contain the Semliki Forest virus replicon and referred to herein have been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) located at 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209, U.S.A., pursuant to the Budapest Treaty and prior to the filing of this application.

Samples of the deposited plasmids will become available to the public upon grant of a patent based

upon this United States patent application and all restrictions on access to the deposits will be removed at that time. Non-viable deposits will be replaced. The invention described and claimed herein is not to be limited in scope by plasmids deposited, since the deposited embodiment is intended only as an illustration of the invention.

Deposit Summary

	<u>Plasmid</u>	<u>ATCC Designation</u>	<u>Date Deposited</u>
10	pMP76		

EXAMPLES

The above disclosure generally describes the present invention. A more complete understanding can be obtained by reference to the following specific Examples. These Examples are described solely for purposes of illustration and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention. Changes in form and substitution of equivalents are contemplated as circumstances may suggest or render expedient. Although specific terms have been employed herein, such terms are intended in a descriptive sense and not for purposes of limitations.

Methods of molecular genetics, protein biochemistry and immunology used but not explicitly described in this disclosure and these Examples are amply reported in the scientific literature and are well within the ability of those skilled in the art.

EXAMPLE 1

This Example describes the construction of plasmid pMP76 as outlined in Figures 5, 7, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 12A and 12B.

5 Plasmid pSFV link was created by restricting plasmid pSFV1 (Gibco) with BamHI. This plasmid was then ligated with a linker (SEQ ID no: 5 and 6) to produce plasmid pSFV link (Figures 4A to 4D, Figure 5).

Some of the SFV replicon fragments were subcloned  
10 by restricting pSFVlink with EcoRV and SpeI and isolating the 890bp EcoRV-SpeI fragment. This fragment was then restricted with EcoRI and the 1906bp EcoRV-EcoRI, the 1578bp and 3627bp EcoRI-EcoRI and the 899bp EcoRI-SpeI fragments isolated (Fig.7).

15 The 1909bp EcoRV-EcoRI SFV fragment was cloned into EcoRV-EcoRI restricted plasmid pMP52 to produce plasmid pMP53 (Fig.9A). The 899bp EcoRI-SpeI SFV fragment was cloned into EcoRI-SpeI restricted pMP52 to produce pMP54 (Fig.9A). Plasmid pMP54 was then  
20 restricted with SpeI and made blunt-ended with Mung Bean nuclease. The plasmid was then restricted with BglII, dephosphorylated and ligated to the hepatitis delta virus ribozyme linker (SEQ ID nos. 9 and 10), that had been phosphorylated, to produce pMP55 (Fig.  
25 9B).

Plasmid pMP52 was created by ligating a linker (SEQ ID nos:7,8), into the EcoRI site of pUC19 (Fig.10).

The 1578bp EcoRI-SFV fragment was cloned into  
30 the EcoRI site of pUC19, to produce pMP46 (Fig.11A). This plasmid was then restricted with PpuMI and made

blunt-ended with Mung Bean nuclease. The rabbit  $\beta$ -globin intron II PCR fragment (Fig.1) was made blunt-ended with Mung Bean nuclease, phosphorylated and ligated to the PpuMI restricted pMP46 to produce  
5 plasmid pMP70 (Fig.11B).

The 3627bp EcoRI SFV fragment was cloned into the EcoRI site of pUC19 to produce pMP47 (Fig.11A).

Plasmid pCMV3, which contains the CMV promoter, Intron A sequence, BGH poly A sequence and  
10 SU40 poly A sequence, was restricted with NdeI and EcoRV. The 3191bp NdeI-EcoRV fragment was isolated and dephosphorylated. The 1321bp NdeI-EcoRV fragment was isolated and restricted with SacI. The NdeI-SacI  
15 fragment of 334bp was isolated (Fig.12A). The isolated SacI-EcoRV PCR fragment containing the 5'-end of SFV was ligated to the previously isolated 334bp NdeI-SacI fragment and the 3191bp NdeI-EcoRV fragment to produce pMP71 (Fig.12A and 12B).

Plasmid pMP53 was then restricted with EcoRI  
20 and BamHI and ligated to the isolated and dephosphorylated 2151bp EcoRI fragment from pMP70 (Fig.8A). This ligation was then restricted with EcoRV and the 4057bp EcoRV-EcoRI fragment purified (Fig.8A).

Plasmid pMP47 was restricted with EcoRI and  
25 the 3627bp EcoRI fragment isolated and dephosphorylated (Fig.8B). Plasmid pMP55 was then restricted with BglII, dephosphorylated and restricted with EcoRI. The 985bp EcoRI-BglII fragment was isolated and ligated to the previously isolated EcoRI fragment from pMP47  
30 (Fig.8B). The ligation reaction was then

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phosphorylated and the 4612bp EcoRI-BglII fragment isolated.

Plasmid pMP71 was restricted with EcoRV and BamHI then dephosphorylated. This fragment was used in a 3-  
5 way ligation with the previously isolated 4612bp EcoRI-BglII fragment from pMP47 and pMP55, and the 4057bp EcoRV-EcoRI fragment from pMP53 and pMP70, to produce pMP76 (Figs.8B and 8C).

The 5' end of the SFV replicon was produced by PCR  
10 amplification of pSFV1 using primers SFV-5'-3 having the sequence

5'-ATCTATGAGCTCGTTTAGTGAACCGTATGGCGGATGTGTGACATACA-3'

and EcoR-SPE having the sequence

5'-TCCACCTCCAAGGATATCCAAGATGAGTGTG-3' (SEQ ID no: 9 and  
15 SEQ ID no: 10 respectively) between the CMV promoter and the 5' end of the SFV replicon. The resulting PCR fragment was restricted with SacI and EcoRV (Fig. 13; SEQ ID no: 11) and the fragment isolated.

#### SUMMARY OF DISCLOSURE

20 In summary of this disclosure, the present invention provides a modified alphavirus-based expression vector wherein at least one optimal splice site is introduced to the alphavirus replicon to prevent aberrant splicing of the alphavirus genome; and  
25 improve transport of RNA out of the nucleus. Modifications are possible within the scope of the invention.

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CLAIMS

1. An expression vector, comprising a DNA molecule complementary to at least part of an alphavirus RNA genome, which DNA molecule comprises the complement of the complete alphavirus RNA genome regions which are essential for replication of the said alphavirus RNA and further comprises a heterologous DNA sequence capable of expression in a host, said heterologous DNA sequence being inserted into a region of the DNA molecule which is non-essential to replication thereof, and the DNA molecule being placed under transcriptional control of a promoter sequence functional in said host, wherein at least one heterologous splice site is provided in the DNA molecule to prevent aberrant RNA splicing of the alphavirus.
2. The vector of claim 1 wherein said promoter is placed upstream of the 5'-end of the DNA molecule such that the resultant transcript has an authentic 5'-end.
3. The vector of claim 2 wherein said promoter is the cytomegalovirus immediate early promoter.
4. The vector of claim 1 which further comprises an additional DNA sequence at the 3'-end of the DNA molecule to direct proper *in vivo* cleavage at the 3'-end of the DNA molecule.
5. The vector of claim 4 wherein said additional DNA sequence comprises a hepatitis delta ribozyme sequence.
6. The vector of claim 1 wherein the heterologous splice site sequence is provided by the DNA sequence of the rabbit  $\beta$ -globin intron II.
7. The vector of claim 6 wherein the heterologous splice site sequence is inserted into the DNA molecule

at a location which generates perfect splice junctions and restores the function of the SFV replicon when removed.

8. The vector of claim 1 wherein the alphavirus is a  
5 Simliki Forest virus.

9. A cloning vector suitable for expression in a host cell of an heterologous DNA sequence, which comprises:  
a DNA molecule complementing to at least part of an alphavirus RNA genome, which DNA molecule comprises  
10 the complement of the complete alphavirus RNA genome regions and has a cloning site for insertion therein of a heterologous DNA sequence capable of expression in a host cell, said cloning site being located in a region of the DNA molecule which is non-essential to  
15 replication thereof;

a promoter sequence functional in said host cell and transcriptionally controlling said DNA molecule, said promoter sequence being placed upstream of the 5'-end of the DNA molecule such that the resultant  
20 transcript had an authentic 5' end;

at least one heterologous splice set provided in the complement of the DNA molecule to permit aberrant RNA splicing of one to generate perfect splice junctions in the alphavirus; and

25 an additional DNA sequence at the 3'-end of the DNA molecule to direct proper *in vivo* cleavage at the 3'-end of the reactant RNA molecule.

10. The cloning vector of claim 9 wherein said heterologous splice set is provided by the DNA sequence  
30 of the rabbit  $\beta$ -globin intron II.

11. The cloning vector of claim 9 wherein said additional sequence comprises a hepatitis delta ribozyme sequence.
12. The cloning vector of claim 8 wherein the  
5 alphavirus is a Semliki Forest virus.
13. The cloning vector of claim 8 which has the identifying characteristics of plasmid pMP76 shown in Figure 8D.
14. The cloning vector of claim 8 having SEQ ID no:  
10 11.

## FIG.1

Nucleotide sequence of the  $\beta$ -globin intron II with the 3' SFV bases

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gtgagtttgg  ggacccttga  ttgttcttcc  tttttcgcta  ttgtaaaatt  catgttatat  60
ggagggggca  aagttttcag  ggtgttgttt  agaatgggaa  gatgtccctt  gtatcaccat  120
ggaccctcat  gataattttg  tttctttcac  tttctactct  gttgacaacc  attgtctcct  180
cttattttct  tttcattttc  tgtaactttt  tcgttaaaact  tttagcttgca  tttgtaacga  240
attttttaaa  tcactttttg  ttatttgtca  gattgtaagt  actttctcta  atcaactttt  300
tttcaaggca  atcaggggat  attatatgtt  acttcagcac  agtttttagag  aacaattgtt  360
ataattaaat  gataaggtag  aatatttctg  catataaat  ctggctggcg  tggaatatatt  420
cttattggta  gaaacaacta  catcctggtc  atcatcctgc  ctttctcttt  atggttacaa  480
tgatatacac  tgtttgagat  gaggataaaa  tactctgagt  ccaaaccggg  cccctctgct  540
aaccatgttc  atgcccttct  ctttttccta  caggtc

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## FIG.2

Nucleotide sequence of the  $\beta$ -globin intron II

gtgagtttgg ggacccttga ttgttctttc tttttcgcta ttgtaaaatt catgttatat 60  
 ggaggggca aagttttcag ggtgttgttt agaatgggaa gatgtccctt gtatcaccat 120  
 ggaccctcat gataattttg tttctttcac ttttactct gtgacaacc attgtctcct 180  
 ctatatttct tttcattttc tgtaactttt tcgttaaact ttagcttgca tttgtaacga 240  
 atttttaaat tcacttttgt ttatttgtca gattgtaagt actttctcta atcaactttt 300  
 tttcaaggca atcagggtat attatatgt acttcagcac agtttttagag aacaattgtt 360  
 ataattaaat gataaggtag aatatttctg catataaatt ctggctggcg tggaaatatt 420  
 ctatattgga gaaacaacta catcctggtc atcatcctgc ctttctcttt atggttacaa 480  
 tgatatacac tgtttgagat gaggataaaa tactctgagt ccaaaccggg cccctctgct 540  
 aaccatgttc atgccttctt ctttttccta cag 573

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## FIG.3A

Eco RV-SpeI Fragment of Semliki Forest virus replicon

atcggcagtg cgccttccag gagaatgatg tctacgcaca aataccactg cgtatgccct 60  
 atgcgtagcg cagaagacc cgaaggctc gatagctacg caaagaaact ggcagcggcc 120  
 tccgggaagg tgctggatag agagatcgca ggaataatca ccgacctgca gaccgtcatg 180  
 gctacgccag acgctgaatc tcctaccttt tgccctgcata cagacgtcac gtgtcgtacg 240  
 gcagccgaag tggccgtata ccaggacgtg tatgctgtac atgcaccaac atcgtgtac 300  
 catcaggcga tgaagggtg cagaacggcg tattggattg ggtttgacac caccctgtt 360  
 atgtttgacg cgctagcagg cgcgtatcca acctacgcca caaactgggc cgacgagcag 420  
 gtgttacagg ccaggaaact agactgtgt gcagcatcct tgactgaggg aagactcggc 480  
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## FIG.3D

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FIG.3E

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## FIG.3F

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FIG.4A

Nucleotide sequence of pSFVlink

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FIG. 4B

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FIG. 4C

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FIG.4D

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## FIG. 4E

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## FIG.4F

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## FIG.4G

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## FIG.4H

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Construction of pSFVlink

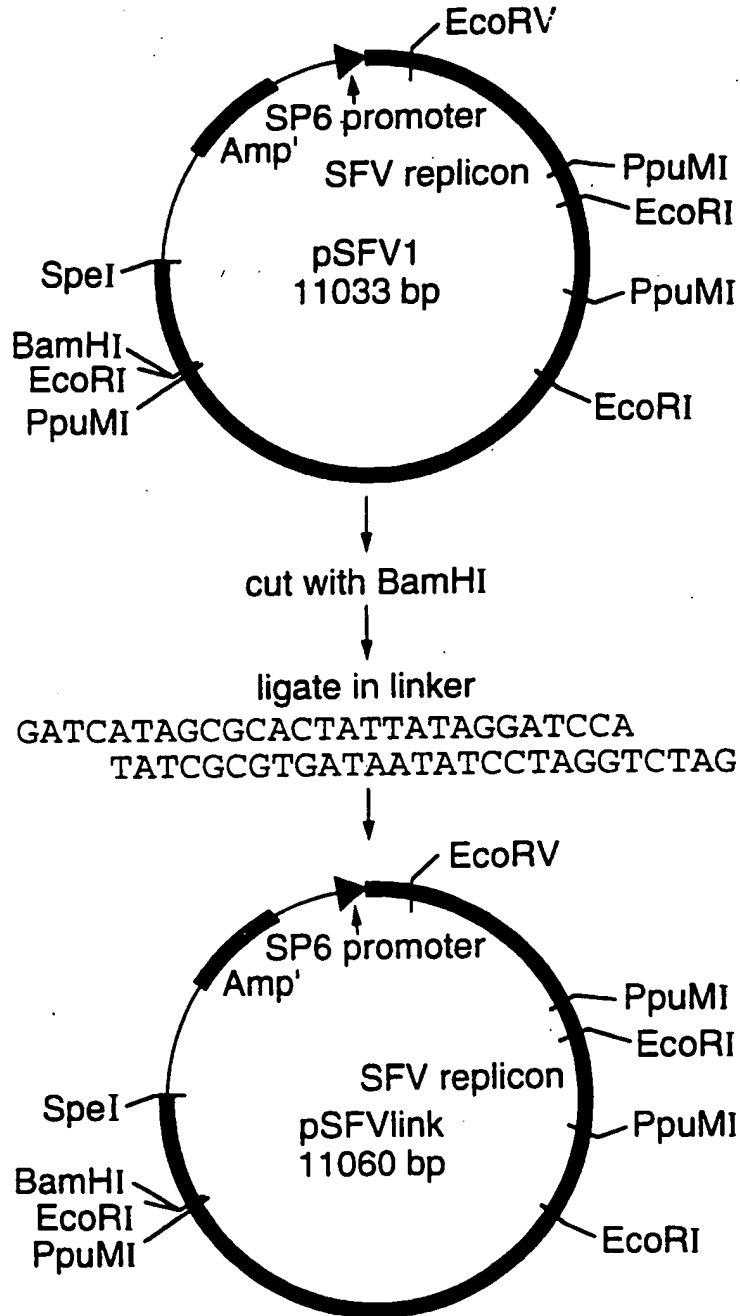


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## FIG.6A

## Nucleotide Sequence of pMP76

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FIG.6B

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FIG.6E

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FIG. 6F

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FIG.6G

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FIG.6H

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## FIG. 6I

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CMV promoter 1 - 682  
 SFV replicon (before intron) 684 - 3678  
 Rabbit (-globin intron II 3679 - 4251  
 SFV replicon (after intron) 4252 - 9543  
 Hepatitis Delta virus ribozyme (antigenomic) 9544 - 9628  
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 BamHI site for insertion of heterologous inserts 8677

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Subcloning of the SFV replicon

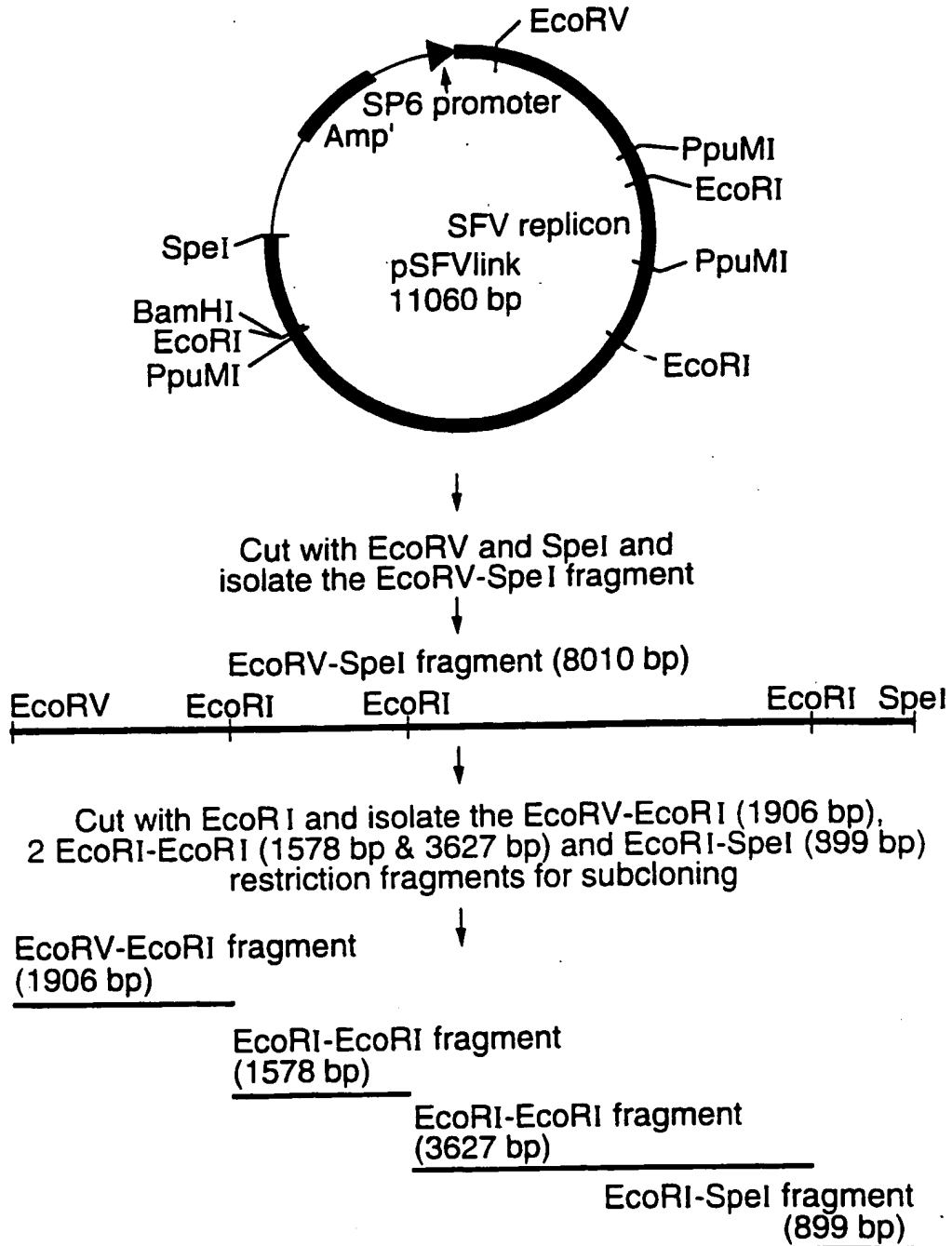


FIG.7

Construction of pMP76

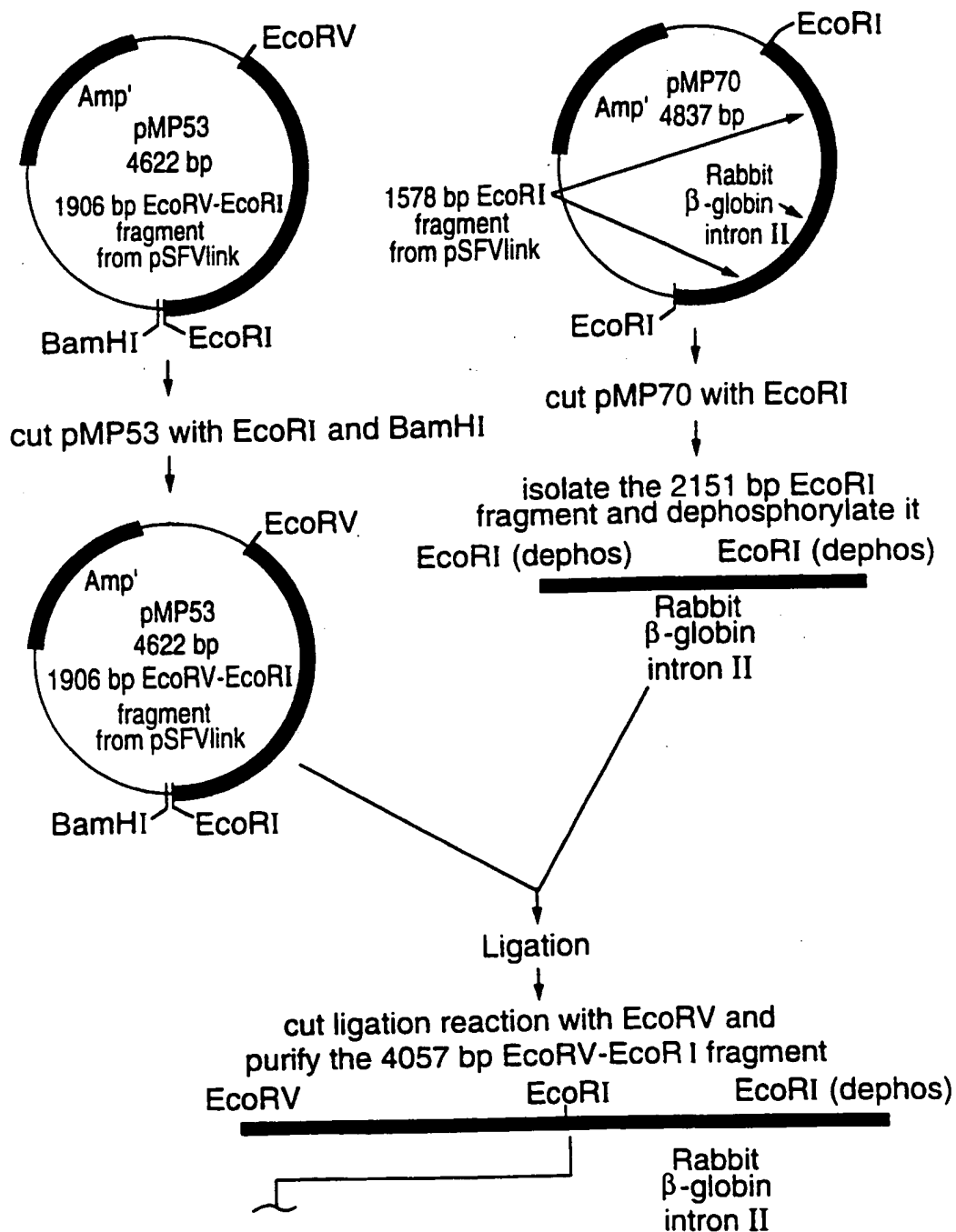


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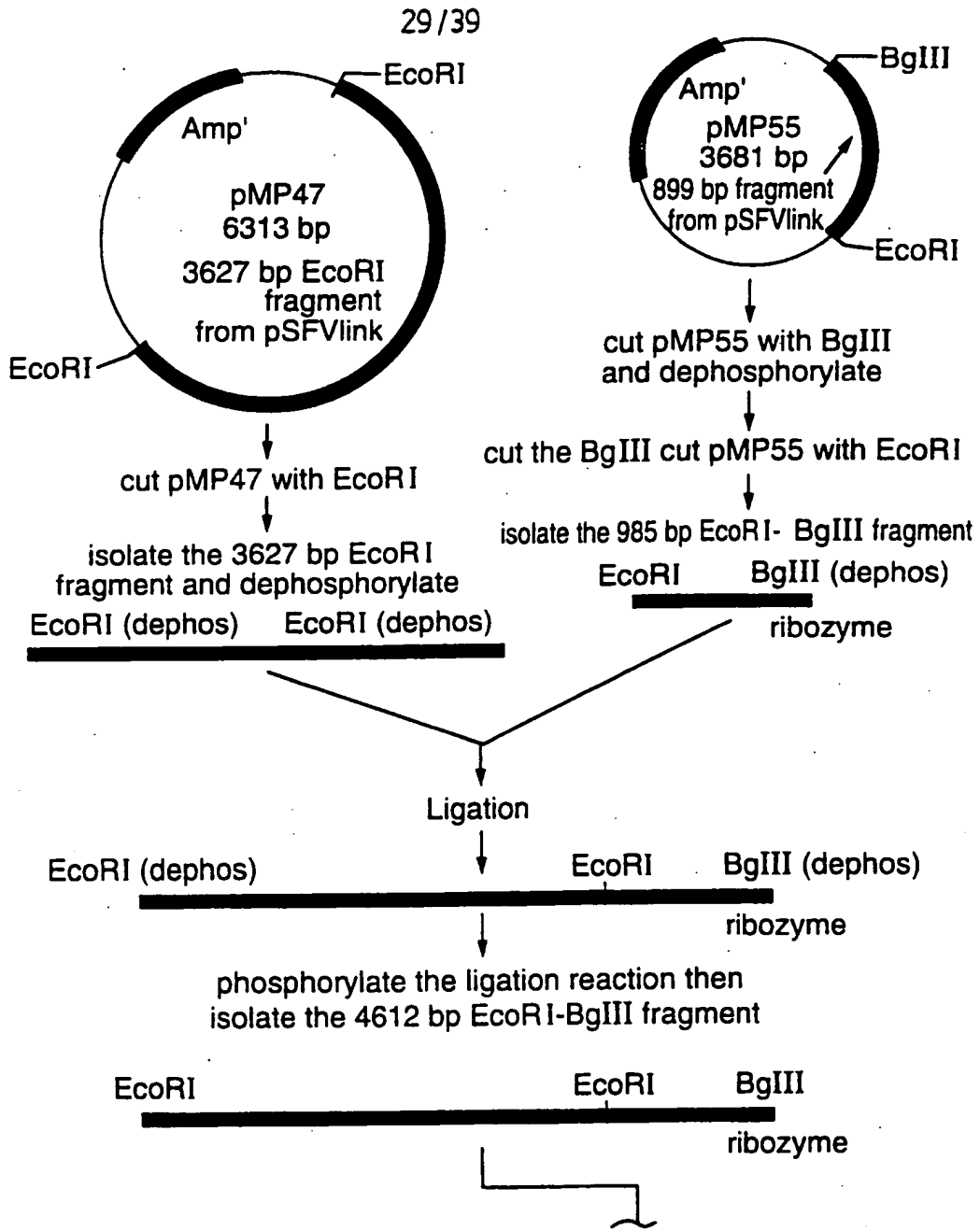


FIG.8B



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Construction of pMP76

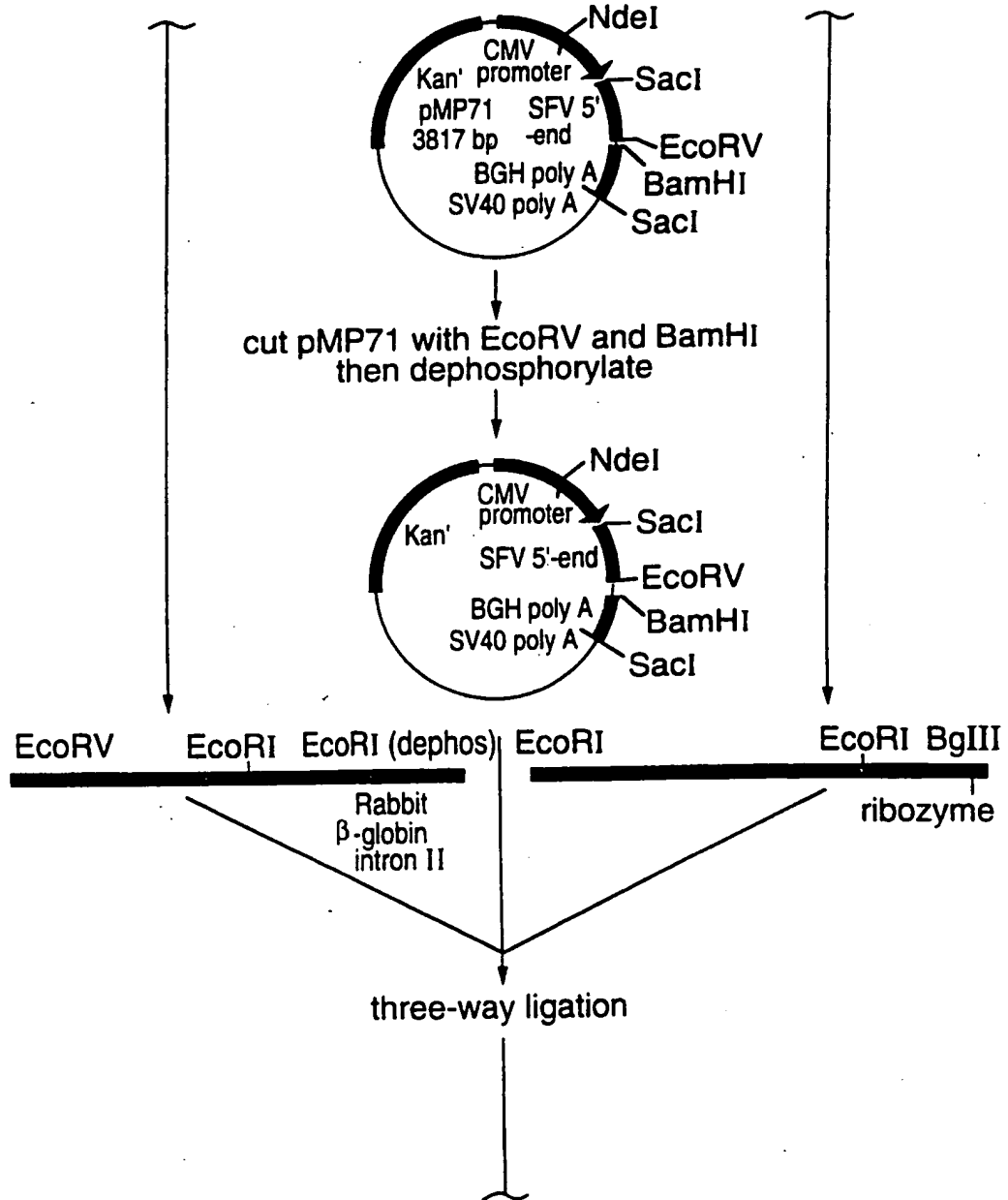


FIG.8C

Construction of pMP76 (cont'd)

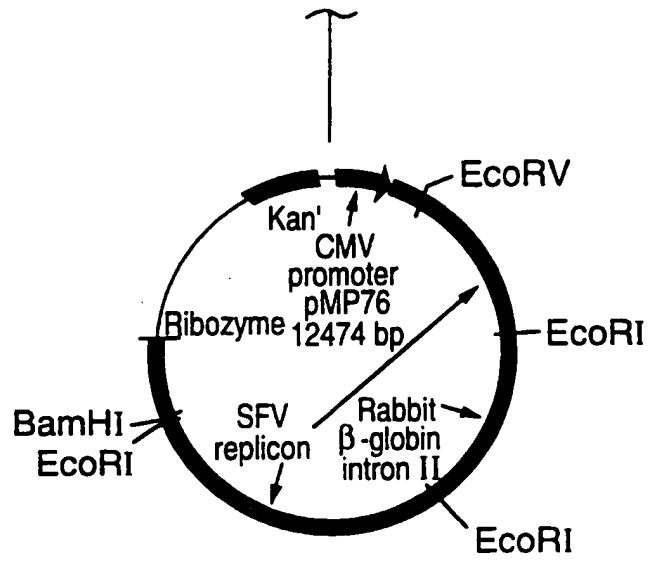


FIG.8D

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Construction of pMP53 & pMP54

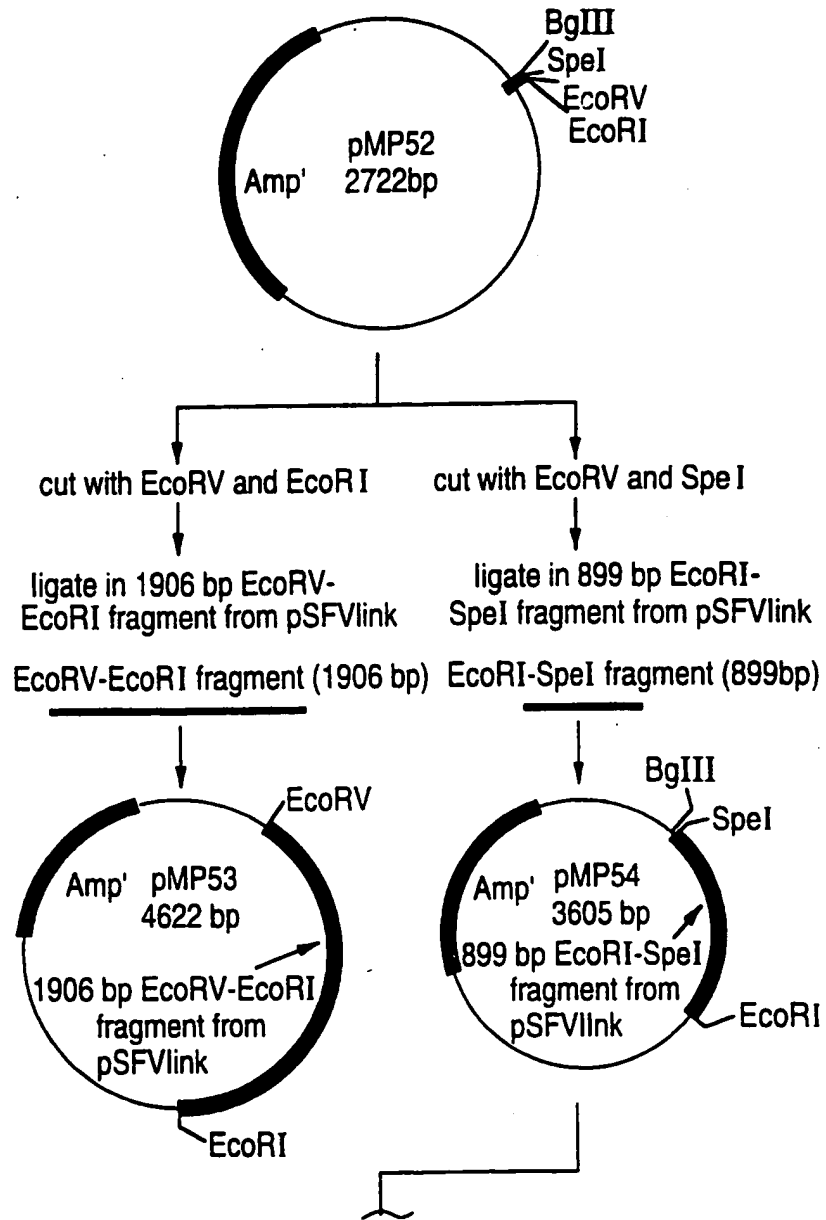


FIG.9A

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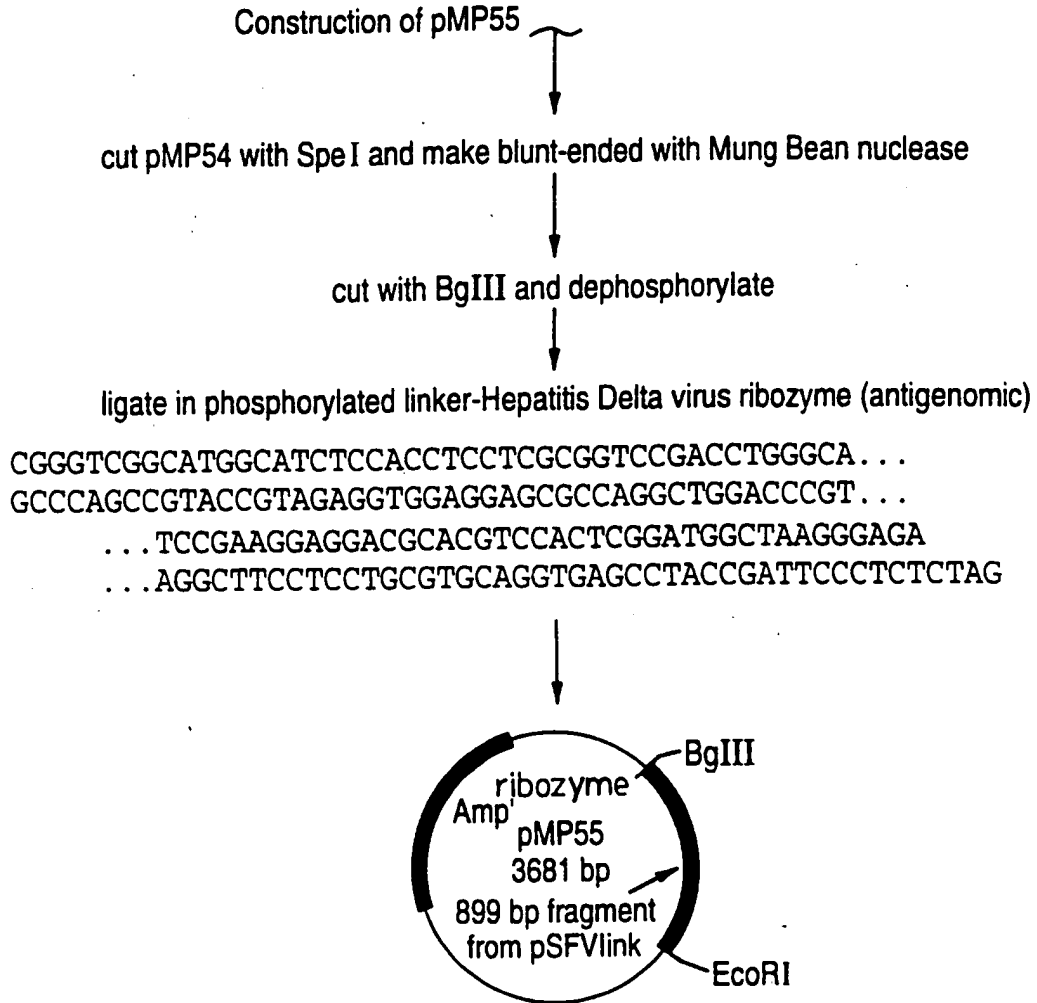


FIG.9B

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Construction of pMP52

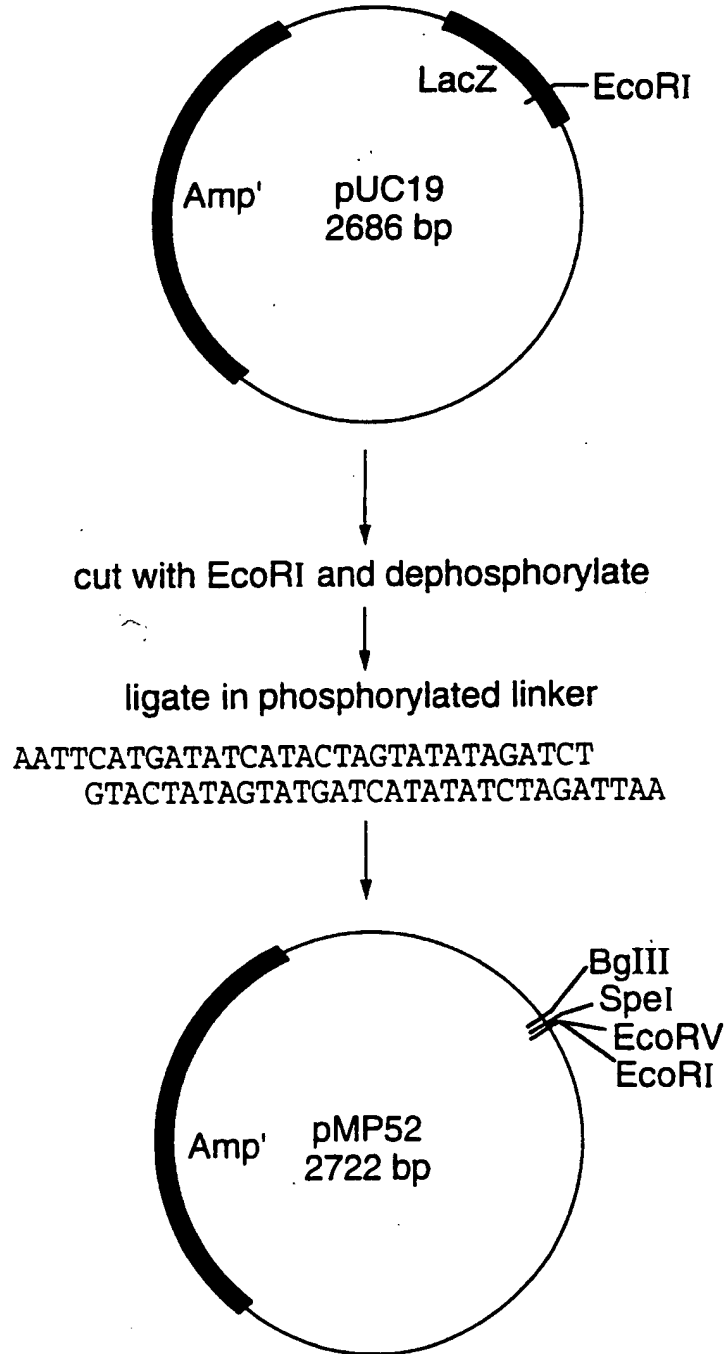


FIG.10

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Construction of pMP46 & pMP47

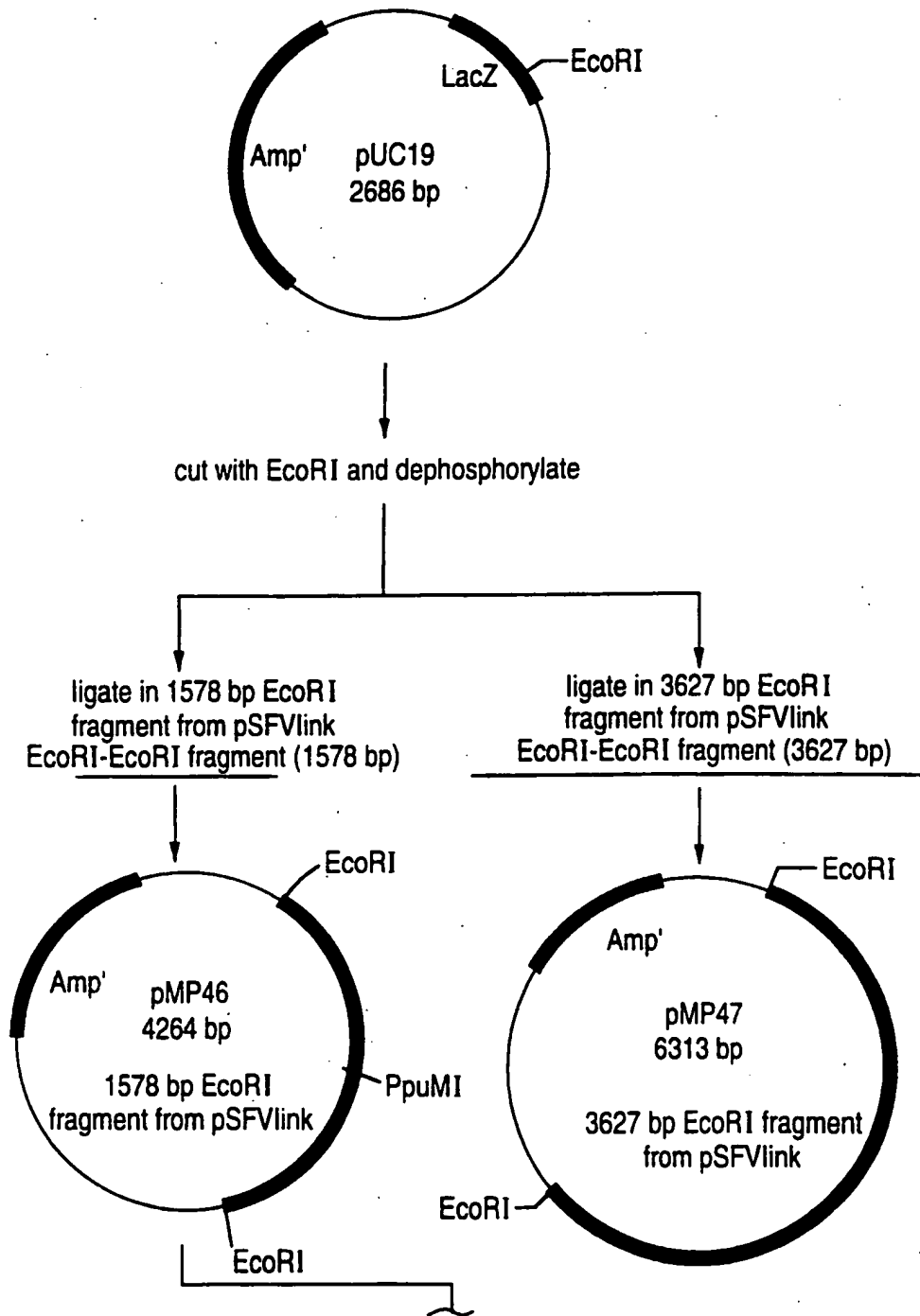


FIG.11A

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Construction of pMP70

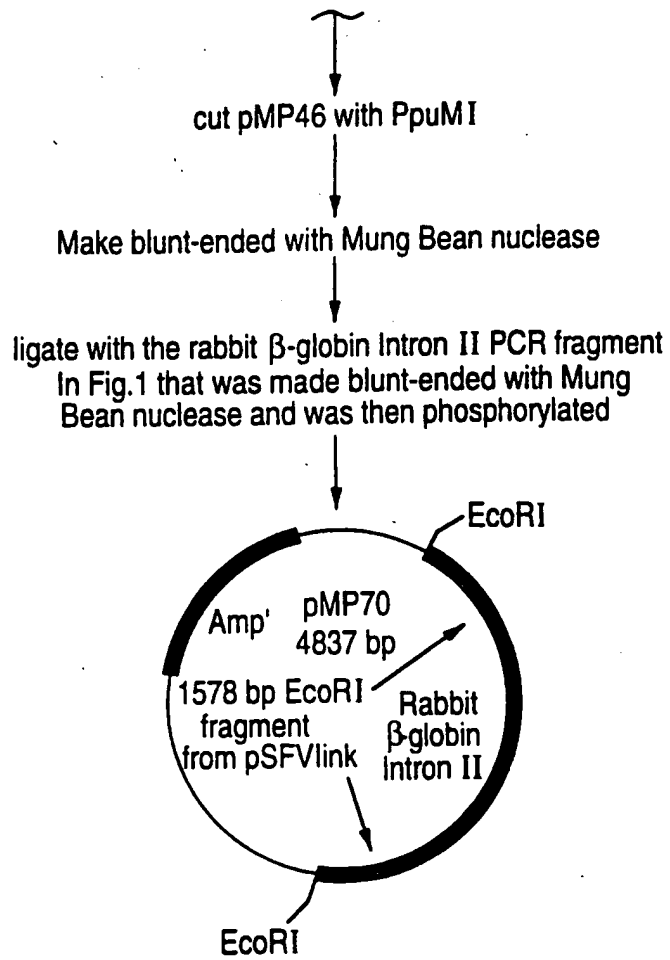


FIG.11B

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Construction of pMP71

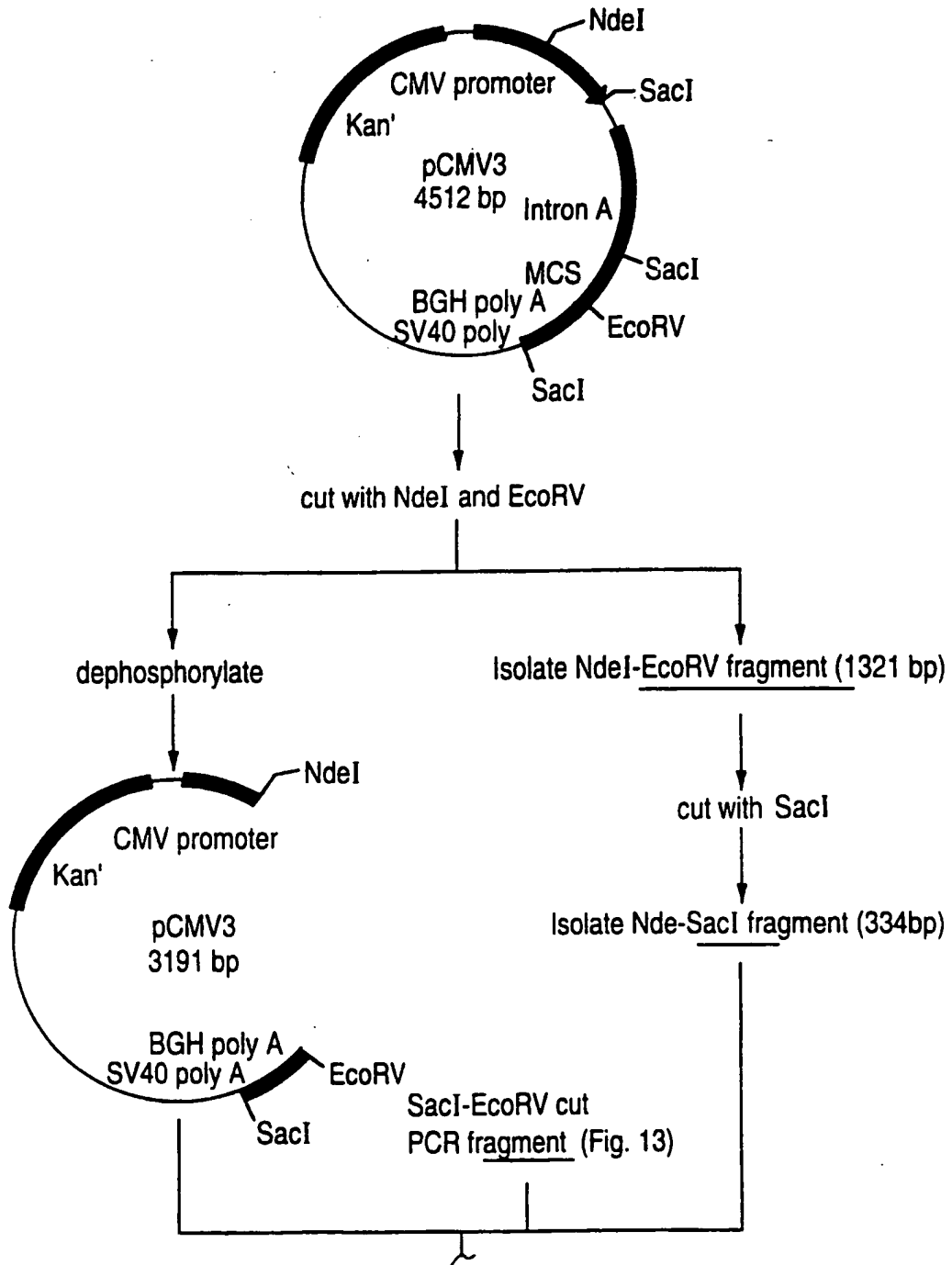


FIG.12A



Construction of pMP71 (cont'd)

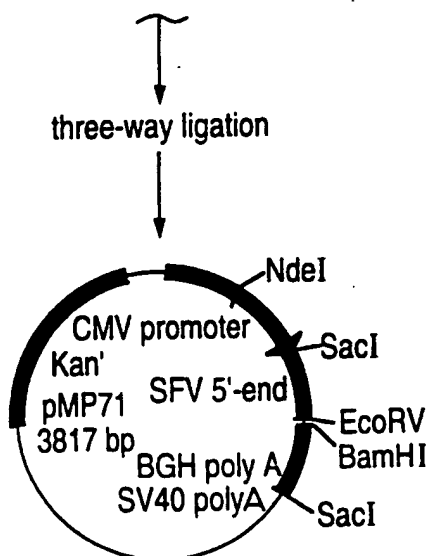


FIG. 12B

## FIG.13

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